On Pages 16 to 18, inclusive, the remarks made by Mr. ERIK COLBAN (NORWAY) should read as follows:

"Mr. President, Gentlemen, the Report of the Interim Drafting Committee has been distributed to the Governments and I take it that it has come into the hands of all the delegates here. You will remember that we decided in London that the terms of reference to the Interim Drafting Committee should be to go through the result of the work achieved in London with the view of trying to get the texts as clear and straightened as possible. At the same time trying to draft in somewhat more detailed form the paper which should incorporate the results of the negotiations on custom policy. We have acted in accordance with these terms of reference, and I hope that the Report of the Interim Drafting Committee may prove helpful. The London Report was necessarily in an unfinished form, because the work itself had not been finished in London, and even the Report of the Interim Drafting Committee may give the impression that the work is very far from being finished. You have in our Report all the articles of the Draft and notes, observations and reservations. I beg you not to over-emphasize the importance of these reservations. A technical committee such as the Interim Drafting Committee was, is not in a position to enter upon any fundamental political discussions, and we have had to take the material resulting from the London Conference without trying to bring new political considerations to bear upon it. But my own view is that if this present Conference can work with the same spirit of cooperation as the Interim Drafting Committee we cannot fail. I owe the most sincere thanks and votes of appreciation to all my colleagues in the Interim Drafting Committee - everyone of them worked with the purpose of achieving agreement. Even those who fought for separate lines of action did it so as to put their reasons as clearly as possible before their colleagues, thereby giving them an opportunity of seeing what could be said in favour of their special point of view.

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"We have thrashed it out, and when you find in the Report of the Interim Drafting Committee certain problems which we have left unsettled and even a number of alternative solutions, that does not mean that these problems are insoluble; it simply means that in New York, where we had to get through the work before the end of February, we could not get any further. But I feel personally that in continuing the expert work of New York on a political level here in Geneva, we shall solve most of our problems and even if a number of reservations goes on with the Draft Charter to the General Conference, I would not consider that at all as a sign of weakness or defeat. There are a number of problems which may be solved in different ways, and if we put alternatives to the world I cannot believe that the world, conscious of the importance of the task before it, should not be able to agree.

"I said that the Report of the Interim Committee is in your hands, but it is not yet in the hands of the public. We discussed it in New York, and I said to the Drafting Committee that only some few weeks separate us from Geneva. It was much better not to publish it under our own authority. We left that to the Preparatory Committee itself. The important thing is that it would be helpful if we could get public opinion directed to our work by putting this Report in their hands and with the observations I have allowed myself to make I trust that public opinion represented through the press will not over-emphasize the differences of opinion they find in the Report but much more emphasize the very high degree of common agreement on the different problems. I beg to suggest, Mr. Chairman, that you propose to the Assembly the publication of the Report of the Interim Drafting Committee."